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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER' S VIEWS ON OAS REFORM

REFS: STATE 88455, MVD 1320

1. I HELD A FURTHER LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN BLANCO ON OAS REFORMS ON MAY 11. THE MINISTER WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION GIVEN HIS VIEWS AS PRESENTED MVD 1320. MINISTER SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS DEVELOPING THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD BE THE SITE FOR PRELIMINARY STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS. HE ALSO FELT THAT THE PERUVIANS WERE GAINING SUPPORT FOR A MEETING IN LIMA. BLANCO DID NOT PRESS HIS PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING IN MONTEVIDEO.

2. MINISTER BLANCO SAID THAT HIS STAFF WAS CONSIDERING VARIOUS INITIATIVES FOR REFORM. ONCE THESE TOOK A MORE DEFINITE FORM HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSULT WITH THE US TO SHARE VIEWPOINTS.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE REPRESENTATION AT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS, BLANCO SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THOSE GOVERNMENTS, SPECIFICALLY PERU AND CHILE, WHO WERE SEEKING A RADICAL REFORM IN THE OAS WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO SEND
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" NEOPHYTES" IN OAS MATTERS WHO WOULD PROPOSE SWEEPING CHANGES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THOSE NATIONS (HE MENTIONED BRAZIL) WHO DESIRED LITTLE CHANGE IN THE OAS WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO SEND THEIR OAS REPRESENTATIVES WHO KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE OAS AND WERE AWARE OF ITS STRENGTHS AS WELL AS ITS SHORTCOMINGS. AS FOR URUGUAY, HE WAS THINKING OF HAVING AMBASSADOR MARQUES SERE HEAD OF THE GOU DELEGATION. AT THE PRESENT BLANCO IS ALSO PLANNING TO SEND THE MINISTRY' S LEGAL ADVISER, DR. JULIO C. LUPINACCI TO JOIN MARQUES SERE.

4. BLANCO SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US.
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